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LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT


The Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation included in the notice of allowance mailed November 10, 2008, for the above-referenced application indicates the PTA is 260 days. This PTA appears to be longer than appropriate.

In good faith and candor, Applicant directs the Office's attention to the receipt dates entered for the RCE filed in December 2006 and the reply filed in March 2008, which appear to have been incorrectly entered in PAIR.

Applicant believes that no fee is due at this time. Any fees that may be due, however, may be applied to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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